

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**April 24, 2006**

**7:00 p.m.**

The Mayor, Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Albier: "Mr. Fisk, would you call the roll please?"

Clerk Fisk: "John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."  
"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Here."  
Councilman Albier: "Here."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Here."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Here."  
Councilman Patton: "Here."

President Albier: "Tonight's agenda: We'll have a special presentation; we'll have proclamations; and we have three ordinances, Ordinance 2005-55, the third reading for An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1360 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio entitled 'Chapter 1360, Property Maintenance and Rental Licensing Code'; Ordinance 2006-31, An Ordinance providing for the registration fee for the summer youth baseball (basketball) program being offered within the Department of Recreation; Ordinance 2006-32, Accepting the Brooklyn Master Plan and providing for a periodic review thereof, and providing for the integration of physical development of the city therewith; and other matters that may come before Council. First on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Albier, may I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "On page six, second paragraph, first line, it says the word 'well', it should be 'we'. And I believe there was one other change. One moment. On page 18, the eighth paragraph, fourth line down, instead of the word 'while' it should be 'why'. And I believe that's it. I move we approve as amended."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup> as amended, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."  
"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Patton: "Yea."

President Albier: "First we'll have a special presentation. Will Officer Frank Ferrini and representatives from Rainbow and Children's Hospital please come forward?"

**Nicholas Schiltz:** "Hi, I'm Nicholas Schiltz, and I'm a Safe Communities Coordinator at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital's Injury Prevention Center. As lead agency for the Greater Cleveland Safe Kids-Safe Communities Coalition and the Cuyahoga County DUI Task Force, we partner with the City of Brooklyn on many projects designed to promote the safety and well being of the city's residents. We are especially proud of our partnership with the Brooklyn Police Department, which I'm here tonight to honor for its superb commitment to the promotion of roadway safety among residents and motorists of the city. The task force is comprised of 45 local law enforcement agencies collaborating to reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused by impaired driving. The collaboration is so solid and productive and notable that in September 2005 the International Association of Chiefs of Police awarded the task force first place in the multi-jurisdictional category of their annual law enforcement challenge. Agencies throughout the nation competed for this award, and the Cuyahoga DUI Task Force was the only Ohio agency to take first place. Brooklyn has supported the task force goal, decreasing impaired driving, by conducting high visibility impaired driving sobriety check points and saturation patrols throughout the year. Tonight as I present the Brooklyn Police

Department with an award recognizing the city's role in helping the county win this prestigious award, I would like to especially highlight the leadership offered by Mayor Kenneth Patton and Chief Jack Murphy. I would also like to recognize and laud the effort and commitment exemplified by Patrolman Frank Ferrini in taking the lead on management and organization of activities in the city, with the task force. I would also like to applaud his efforts in conducting public information and education campaigns about impaired driving. They're so important to deterring this behavior. In recognition of the Brooklyn Police Department and the City of Brooklyn's dedication to keeping roads safe from impaired drivers, I would like to present the 2004 IACP Law Enforcement Challenge Award to Mayor Kenneth Patton and the Brooklyn Police Department."

Mayor Patton: "On behalf of all our officers with the Brooklyn Police Department, and especially Chief Murphy and Officer Ferrini, who does most of our DUI checkpoints, we sincerely thank you very much."

President Balbier: "We have a proclamation from the Mayor."

Mayor Patton: "We have two proclamations this evening. Proclaiming the week of May 6-13<sup>th</sup> as National Safe Kids Week in the City of Brooklyn. Whereas, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to 14. In 2002, 838 children ages 14 and under died as a result of unintentional drowning. And whereas, in 2004, nearly 4,200 children ages 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for unintentional drowning-related incidents. More than half of drownings among children ages one to four are pool-related. And whereas, childhood drownings and near-drownings can happen in a matter of seconds. As many as 20% of near-drowning survivors suffer severe, permanent neurological disability. And whereas, other risks in the pool, hot tub and spa environment include body entrapment, hair entanglement and evisceration/disembowelment. From 1985 to 2004, 34 children ages 14 and under died as a result of pool and hot tub entrapment, and 41% were hair-related entrapments. And whereas, from 1985 to 2004, more than 130 children ages 14 and under were injured as a result of pool or hot tub entrapment. Whereas, Safe Kids Greater Cleveland, in partnership with the American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter, will launch a swimming pool, hot tub and spa safety initiative called "Safe Pools for Safe Kids" to protect children from drowning, entrapment, entanglement and evisceration. And whereas, the Safe Kids Greater Cleveland and the American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter will hold local community outreach events during Safe Kids Week 2006 to promote "Safe Pools for Safe Kids". And whereas, Safe Kids Week 2006 includes a nationwide public educational campaign and the release of a research report about parents' attitudes and behaviors around drowning prevention to assist in overall mission of Safe Kids Greater Cleveland and the American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter: keeping kids safe. Now, therefore, I, Kenneth E. Patton, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim May 6-13, 2006 as Safe Kids Week in the City of Brooklyn. We also have a proclamation requested from Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher. To proclaim May 2006 Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Brooklyn, Ohio. Whereas, Ohio is a national leader in motorcycle registrations and production, with over 600,000 Ohioans using motorcycles for touring, recreation, competition and daily transportation. And whereas, Concerned Motorcycle Riders of Ohio, a state-wide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting rider safety and education, addressing legislative concerns, and supporting charitable efforts, with the support and cooperation of Ohio motorcyclists, have worked diligently to provide the citizens of Ohio with the best motorcycle education program in the United States. And whereas, the promotion of education, safety and motorcycle awareness has made Ohio's highways a safer and more enjoyable place to ride. And whereas, with approximately 65% of motorcycle accidents occurring due to drivers of other vehicles, public awareness and mutual respect among those who share our highways and streets is crucial to everyone's safety. And whereas, the number of motorcyclists on Ohio's roadways increases significantly as the weather warms, creating an urgent need for increased awareness by the motoring public. Whereas, since the start of Motorcycle Awareness Month in 1986 car/motorcycle accidents have been reduced by half. Now, therefore, I, Mayor Kenneth E. Patton of the City of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Brooklyn and encourage all citizens to use extra caution when driving to make roads safe for all. Thank you Rich."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mayor. Is there a Wendy Burger from the Water Department here? I understand you want to say a few words."

**Wendy Burger:** "My name's Wendy Burger, I'm here from the Cleveland Water Department. I was recently hired to be the suburban liaison to all suburbs on the west side of Cleveland, Brooklyn included in

those suburbs. So I'm just hitting all the different City Council meetings, introducing myself, and letting you guys know that I'm here if you have any questions or concerns about your water, any water service that you're getting, or any of your residents. You can call me any time, that's what I'm here for. So I will be periodically coming to your Council meetings, and I'll let you know when that takes place."

Mayor Patton: "Please leave a card with our Service Director."

Ms. Burger: "Thank you. And also, May 7-13 is National Drinking Water Week, and I have a few flyers here. And on May 13<sup>th</sup> we're going to be conducting public tours at the Crown Water Filtration Plant in Westlake, so if any of your residents or youth groups in your Recreation Department are interested, it'd be a nice field trip I think."

Mayor Patton: "Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you. Next we'll have the public session. Anyone that has anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please come forward and state your name and address."

**Mary Lee Bowen:** "Good evening. My name is Mary Lee Bowen, 4783 Tiedeman Road. I'd simply like to thank the many people here in Brooklyn who expressed support and encouragement to me following the break-in of my home on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The number of calls, visits and notes that I received is very heartwarming, and has shown me that my act of courage to come forth and publicly speak out about what happened to me was not in vain. And I thank you many of you who came forward that evening to tell us of your own story, and to offer tips about how we can keep ourselves safer. As most of you know by now, I chose to speak openly about the invasion of my home that night, not only so that you would be aware of the danger among us, but also with the hope that it would motivate all of us to come together to unite in a citywide effort to help crime, help fight crime, in our city. Many of you showed tremendous support and concern for the safety of our city by attending last week's Safety Committee meeting. Colleen Coyne Gallagher, chairperson of that committee, reiterated her commitment to safety for the residents of Brooklyn, and reminded us of the initiatives which she has previously brought before Council. I am sincerely hopeful that these initiatives will be explored and discussed at the next Safety meeting, with a plan of action that is supported by City Council and our Police Department. But to make that happen we must all be willing to get involved with a show of support and genuine effort to do our part to keep our city safe. At that meeting we were encouraged to call the Police Department at the first sign of anything out of the ordinary or suspicious. Council said we need to be the eyes and ears for the police force. And remember, you do not have to give your name when you call. So if you're the least bit concerned about negative repercussions for getting involved, don't be. It feels good, really good, to be a good, responsible citizen and to help keep each other safe. Repeatedly at the Safety meeting the subjects of communication and education kept coming up. The residents kept stressing the fact that we want to know what crime is happening in Brooklyn on a timely basis, and that we need to be educated about how to identify what is suspicious, and how we best can assist the police in their efforts. Many of us had more questions that could possibly be answered in one two hour session. Council responded by assigning a point person to assemble all our questions and to provide us with the answers. That person is the city's Safety Director, Don Hilberg. Don stopped by my house this week to assure me that he is looking forward to our questions, and to getting those questions answered. He also assured me that no question is a dumb question, and that no question will go unanswered, within, of course, the confines of the law. So please direct any questions that you may have regarding safety to Don, either by e-mail at [dhilberg@brooklynohio.gov](mailto:dhilberg@brooklynohio.gov), or you can mail your questions to him here at City Hall, 7619 Memphis Avenue. In conclusion, I'm looking forward to working with all of you and our city officials in an effort to make our city a safer place for all. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Bowen. Mrs. Palumbo."

**Shirley Palumbo:** "I'm Shirley Palumbo, I live at 10218 Micka Drive, in Brooklyn, and I represent the volunteers from the Brooklyn Animal Shelter. I got a call last week from a lady wanting to adopt Missy the cat, who was featured on our website and in the Brooklyn Sun Journal. And I'm happy to announce that Missy was adopted within two weeks of her posting. This is the cat that I showed the picture of at the last meeting. I'd also like to say that thanks to the recent pet watch article in the Brooklyn Sun Journal, Snooky, the little lost Pekinese from the Bentwood area, has been reunited with his owner. Please be sure to let us know about your lost pets. Call 216-749-4893 to inquire about Operation Pet Watch. Come to the Kids Fest

and Pet Fair at the Brooklyn Senior-Community Center, Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Your kids will enjoy games, story times, face painting, puppet shows, and special animal guests. Join us as we learn about animals and the world around us from groups promoting alternative pets and education. And while we're talking about weeks, May 7-13 is Be Kind to Animals Week."

President Albier: "Busy week."

Mrs. Palumbo: "Yeah. Proceeds from the Kids Fest and Pet's Fair will benefit the shelter's building fund. And I also have one announcement. On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the City of Brook Park service garage, they are offering dog and cat rabies vaccinations for only \$5, and home again micro chipping for only \$11. Please spay and neuter your pets. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Palumbo. Anyone else care to speak? Yes sir."

**Jack Walz:** "Jack Walz, live at 4394 So. Amber. I'm the coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers, it's a 10 and under Cuyahoga Valley Baseball Association travel baseball team. The team consists of kids from Brooklyn and St. Thomas More School. The Dodgers are a privately sponsored team by Jeff Kazimour and his company, Carburetor Parts Warehouse here in Brooklyn, also Jim Bailey and J.B. Stamping Company on Associate Avenue, Ken and Craig Patton. The kids will be playing 10 home games behind the Rec Center against teams from Parma, Strongsville, Westlake, Lorain, Amherst, Wellington, throughout the summer. On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> we hosted a mini tournament with a team from Parma, Olmsted Falls, Berea and Brooklyn. The kids played three games apiece. We supplied all the players and their families with hot dogs, chips, pop after the games. We received many thanks from the other teams and the other communities. I had a phone call from the Parma coach, he wants to host the same thing out in his community, and you know, pretty much the same thing, just, you know, bring the kids out and have some fun. It was no cost to any of the teams that come in. I'd like to thank some of the, special thanks given to a few of the people that really helped put this whole thing together. That would be Dane Hammond and his staff, maintenance crew for getting the fields in top notch condition, Ryan Kelber for scheduling the day, as well as all of our home games, Mayor Patton for waking up that Saturday morning and throwing out the first pitch. The kids really appreciated that."

Mayor Patton: "My arm still hurts."

Mr. Walz: "It does? Nick Cole for being our uniform guy and getting our kids the equipment to make them look pretty special. The main reason I'm here is, basically encourage other age groups to get involved with this type of travel baseball. Keep in mind, in this league alone there's 263 teams, and we're the only team from Brooklyn. Since Bob Kelber coached the original Dodgers 15 years ago, Ryan Kelber was a player on that team back then, and the Mayor, I'd like to give you a jersey. Hopefully you can make it out a few more times during the summer. The jersey."

Mayor Patton: "Thank you Jack."

Councilman Patton: "That's too small Jack."

Mr. Walz: "No it's not."

Mayor Patton: "Hey, it's KP not CP."

Mr. Walz: "I'll post the full season schedule and the tournament schedule at the Rec Center, if anyone's interested in watching the Dodgers this summer. The kids were working hard since January. It should be a fun summer. And again, I'd just like to thank the City of Brooklyn for helping me put this whole thing together and allowing the access to some of the fields to help the kids practice. So thank you guys."

President Albier: "What age group is that?"

Mr. Walz: "10 and under."

President Albier: "10 and under."

Mr. Walz: "And the league starts at eight and under, so we only got one team that goes from, it goes from eight and under up to 14 and under, and we've only got one team in there. So I'd like to see if there's something we can do to maybe get some more age groups involved in it."

President Albrier: "Thank you sir. Does anyone else care to speak to Council this evening?"

Elizabeth Steck: "Hi, my name is Elizabeth Steck, and I'm here with my sister Grace Ann Demarest, and I guess our address would be across the street at the skating rink. We direct a skating program over across the street for our learn to skate program here in Brooklyn. And every other year we have a skating exhibition that features skaters from our learn to skate program, as well as the Brooklyn Figure Skating Club, and this year we are having our Spring Swizzle skating exhibition on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, which is next weekend, at 7:00. And it's free of admission, and we have over 100 skaters from both of the programs participating at this year. And with us today are Marissa and Jake Impala, and they're two of the participants in our program. They're also skating in the show this year. And they're going to tell you a little bit about why they like to skate, and why they think you should come see the show."

Marissa Impala: "I like to ice skate because it is fun. I like to jump and spin on the ice. I wish I could skate every day. People should come to the ice show because we practiced a lot and it will be fun to watch."

Jake Impala: "I like to ice skate because it's good exercise and I like to go fast. People should come to the ice show because we worked hard."

President Albrier: "That's what I like, right to the point. Does anyone else care to address the Council this evening? If not, we'll move onto reports from committees, commissions and boards. The first is the Public Works Committee, and that's chaired by Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "Thanks Mr. Albrier. We had a meeting tonight of the Public Works Committee to get an update on the progress of the construction at the fire station. Our project manager, Roger, what's Roger's last name?"

Mayor Patton: "Riachi."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Riachi."

Councilman G. Frey: "Riachi. Okay, made the report, he did an excellent job of bringing us up to date. Construction has started for the spring season. We are pouring concrete over there. We're starting to raise walls. Within a couple of weeks you'll start to see steel going up as the construction gets off the ground and starts reaching into the air, so it looks like something is actually being built up there. I'm happy to report that as of tonight we're on time and we're on budget, according to our revised budget. We expect delivery of our new fire truck in September, Chief?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Late September, October."

Councilman G. Frey: "September, October. We expect completion of the fire station in November some time. So we're going to be able to coordinate those things so that we have a new home for our new fire truck. And questions of the Committee members and the members of Council, all the members of Council were there, and the public, were all addressed by Roger. We hope to have another update meeting before Council recesses in June to see where we're at, and to make sure that we're still on time, on budget and in control. And that's all I have Mr. Albrier, thank you."

President Albrier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Next is the Public Safety, and that's chaired by Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Albrier. The Public Safety Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the recent spree of home burglaries in our city. I understand crime happens everywhere, and can happen to anyone, but it is my job to keep my constituents informed of what is happening in our city. The Police Chief reported at Monday's meeting that 13 home burglaries took place in the first quarter this year. There were only three break-ins in the first quarter of 2005. I invited Assistant County Prosecutor Brian McDonough, who spoke about what intruders look for when choosing a home to

break into. He said the profile of a criminal is usually young males under 25 years of age who are looking for cash or items such as jewelry, guns, and audio equipment in order to pawn for money. Burglars usually search for homes during the day and look for houses with long grass, broken windows, sliding glass doors, garages with back door entry, piles of mail, or any other signs of inactivity. Several residents voiced their concerns and suggestions, including a neighborhood watch program, or increasing awareness. After the meeting a resident suggested we have a sign-up sheet at the Senior Center for residents who would like to have a crime prevention officer check to see their house is secure enough. I hate to sound like a broken record, but I believe educating the public is the most effective weapon available to preventing future break-ins. In recent years our neighborhoods have experienced rapid changes. The older, well established neighborhoods of the past have been replaced by highly transient growing communities. This lifestyle tends to promote unfamiliarity with neighbors and corresponding lack of concern. This enhances the opportunity for the criminal element to enter and increase the community's vulnerability to crime. These conditions send a message to our residents that we are in need for a crime prevention programs. These programs can be a tool to increase citizens' awareness of burglary and other neighborhood crimes, training residents in better property security and assisting them in making their property more secure. And most of all, encouraging residents to cooperate with law enforcement in reporting crimes. I will be calling for a Safety meeting on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 to form a planning committee for a neighborhood watch program. And my special thanks to Mary Lee Bowen for getting involved. That completes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Next is the Planning Commission, Mr. John Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "Thank you Mr. Albier. The Planning Commission will meet on May 4<sup>th</sup>, first Thursday of May. The last Planning Commission we did approve to send to the Council the request for Council Confirmation for the 8707 Memphis Avenue West Park Assembly of God Church. This is where they want to build a new church. I think they're going to call it the Crooked Creek Church, because it backs up against the creek that used to be called Big Creek creek. I guess it's still called that. And it's a wandering creek. In any event, that's for Council approval tonight. And outside of that, there's nothing I have to report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Next is the Rec Board, Mr. Patton."

Councilman Patton: "Mr. Albier, our last Rec Board meeting was April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court, where we discussed baseball registration, which has one day left, is Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. That will be between 6-8:30 p.m. The baseball registration, the fees are \$25 for residents, 30 for non-residents. And remember that there will be a \$5 late fee for any registration after April 26<sup>th</sup>, and there will be no exceptions. The Spring Swizzle skating exhibition, which was already talked about tonight by the couple children here, Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 7:00. Day Camp registration, Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 11-1 p.m., and it's also during the super sign-up, which will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, both from 11-1 p.m. And our next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court. That is all, thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Patton. Next is the Finance Committee, Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Albier. The Finance Committee did meet earlier this evening and approved the following legislation. Ordinance 2005-55, which this enacts Chapter 1360 of the Codified Ordinances titled 'Property Maintenance and Rental Licensing Code'. This is something we have been working on since last year. I believe we've taken into consideration everyone's concerns, and we've come up with a compromise. Basically it's going to require owners of rental property, except one and two-family structures that are owner-occupied as the owner's principal residence, the fee for the license is \$50 a year. There will be exterior inspections, just like the rest of the residential property in our city. And if the Building Commissioner deems it necessary, an interior inspection with a 24 hour notice. This, I believe is listed on our agenda up for third reading, however, in the rules of Council, if there are changes made after the second reading it goes back on second reading. And this is to make sure that the public is fully informed of any changes that we've made. So that'll be up for second reading this evening, and then adoption at our next meeting. We have Ordinance 2006-31, providing for a registration fee for a summer youth basketball program. This is going to be similar to the winter basketball program we have, 8 week program grades three thru eight. This will be coordinated with the high school basketball coach, Jeff Shepherd; and I believe the plan is going to be for a Saturday program. So hopefully that will be successful, and we can get a little more use out of the basketball courts up at Backyard Fun. The final piece of legislation is Ordinance 2006-32,

adopting the Brooklyn Master Plan. Through a discussion at our Finance Committee meeting, we're going to add tonight the requirement that the Master Plan Advisory Committee conduct a public meeting annually to review the Master Plan. Right at the end of our Finance Committee meeting we received a letter from our architect, through the Mayor, regarding our animal shelter, and it's very disappointing. The costs are much more than was estimated. And somehow we need to get our heads together and come up with a solution to this so that we're not continuing in limbo here. And we are going to call for an executive session at the end of tonight's Council meeting for the purposes of... Mr. Shaper, would it be for negotiations or real estate?"

Director Shaper: "It's possible litigation regarding the Petro property."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, possible litigation regarding the Petro property. I believe that completes my report, thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Next is Domestic Violence and Legislative Update, and that's Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. The Domestic Abuse Commission will have a meeting on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Brooklyn Community-Senior Center. That completes my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Next is the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "The Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and there were two requests. One was from Lifestyle Furniture at 8888 Brookpark Road for two variances for signage, which were granted. And the second request was from Mr. Vasdekis at 4869 Ridge Road for a variance for a masonry wall in the front yard area of the property, which was granted with certain conditions, that the wall be rebuilt in a manner that was more aesthetically pleasing."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. That completes the reports from committees and commissions; we'll now have the reports from Council, and tonight we start with Mr. John Frey."

**Councilman John Frey:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I'd like to know, Mr. Kappler, when they will be doing the finish work on Memphis Villas, as far as paving? Do you have any idea?"

Director Kappler: "It will be within the next month. Right now they are evaluating and starting concrete repairs. And so it will take them some time to complete all that, and then the asphalt company will come back in and put down the new layer of asphalt."

Councilman J. Frey: "Did we have to take the coating off this early and leave it like it is for two-three months?"

Director Kappler: "Yes, and, well actually it will only be a total of about five and half weeks tops. But yes, that needs to be done, we have to get the asphalt off so we can see the condition of the concrete. We did some boring several months ago, but that doesn't give you a true picture. A true picture is when you remove the asphalt and take a little of the concrete."

Councilman J. Frey: "Okay, in other words, you will be fixing the concrete spots that were under the old asphalt pavement so that the new asphalt doesn't fall right in to those cracks."

Director Kappler: "That is correct."

Councilman J. Frey: "And that hasn't been started, as far as the concrete work."

Director Kappler: "They haven't started the tear out yet, they have been in saw cutting."

Councilman J. Frey: "Okay. Okay, that's all I have. Thank you. That's all."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Frey..."

Councilman J. Frey: "Well I want to mention, the Brooklyn High School is having the Hall of Fame induction ceremony out at I think it's St. Michael of the Woodside, and that will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. There's about eight people, both athletic and academic, going into that Hall of Fame. And that's \$30 a person starting 6:00. Terrific dinner, and you get to see all the aspiring athletes and the academic people. And one of the people going in is a guy name Walter Clough, and he's about five years older than me I think. So it's been a long time getting Walter Clough approved for the Hall of Fame of Brooklyn. And I think his mother was one of the original that started up the Brooklyn PTA many, many years ago when the high school, the first school up there, was built. A long time ago. And that finishes my report."

**President Rich Albier:** "Thank you Mr. Frey. Mr. Kappler, like Mr. Frey was talking about that construction area, when you come off of Outlook where it's been dug out, it's like a three-inch drop, if they could just put a little black top there to make it a, you know, little less drop there when you come into the pavement."

Director Kappler: "I'll take a look at it and have them ramp it."

President Albier: "Okay, thank you. Mayor, last year for the first time we had our two representatives from Parma Hospital give us an annual report on what's going on up there at the hospital. I'd like you to notify both of them, and maybe they can come to one of our meetings in May and give us an update on what's going on at Parma Hospital."

Mayor Patton: "Very good."

President Albier: "Also, our next meeting of the Zoning and Building Code updating will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. And the Home Days are set for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. And I also received a few complaints about the street sweeper, that they didn't see it, and then I called up at the garage and found out it was out of service for a month due to repairs, and now it's back in service. In fact, I saw it go down my street the other day. So it'll be out almost every day I presume, right Mr. Kappler?"

Director Kappler: "That is correct."

President Albier: "Mr. Fisk gave us a rundown on overtime for the first quarter of this year, and it's down from last year due to the 910 hours less that was worked at the city garage last year due to the bad weather. So that's a good thing. And also, we had an annual report from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. And like everybody knows, we are the only city in Cuyahoga County that has their own landfill. And if we didn't have that it would cost a fortune. It says they have 19 landfills that the cities in Cuyahoga County use in 16 counties. So 19 landfills in 16 different counties, and it cost the cities in Cuyahoga County over \$60 million last year to get rid of their trash. So if we can keep recycling and keep our landfill going, that's a big, big plus for us. And that's all I have. Mrs. Pucci."

**Councilwoman Kathy Pucci:** "Thank you Mr. Albier. Good evening. First I'd like to congratulate Patrolman Ferrini and Chief Murphy for the recognition from the Safe Kids Coalition, and thank them for all their work on the roadway safety. Mr. Kappler, we all on Council received a notice from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District regarding their upcoming meeting. Are you going to be attending that? Or do we have someone going? It's Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It says for the regional meetings for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan update. Are you aware..."

Director Kappler: "If I will not be there, someone will attend, yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay. Good, thank you very much. And regarding the Safety Committee meeting that we had, as Mrs. Gallagher said, we had a very good turnout of residents, specifically from the Tiedeman/Manoa and the west end of Biddulph area. And I'd like to thank all the residents who took the time to attend. One of my suggestions is, I think we should see how many of these residents would be interested in participating in a neighborhood watch program, and if the interest is there, I think we already have these residents with a high level of interest, I don't think it would take much to implement a neighborhood watch program specifically in that area. Most of the residents in that area are very long-time, well-established Brooklyn residents who care a lot about their area of Brooklyn. And so hopefully we can get



that process started at our next Safety Committee meeting. Mr. Hammond, Mr. Patton mentioned about the super sign-up. Do you know, are the residents going to have the Rec books prior to the super sign-up, so that they know what programs, you know, are available this summer? Or could you check on that for me? Okay. And if you could check on one more thing for me also, I'd appreciate it. And that is, how are the Rec books addressed to residents who live in apartments? Specifically the Westbrook Apartments. I had asked Chris awhile ago about this, and I know she was going to check with River copy, but I haven't heard back from her yet. We have had residents complain in the past that they don't receive the mail from the city. And I know it's some sort of issue with between the Post Office. And that's why I was trying to find out exactly how they were addressed, because I think there's some little exception where if the apartment numbers aren't on there they don't necessarily have to give one to each, like in each person's mailbox. But if you could check on that and get back to me I would really appreciate it."

Dane Hammond: "I will do that."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you. And also, please remember to vote in the Primary Election next Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. And it's probably going to be a good idea to allow for a little extra time due to the new electronic voting machines. I think for some people, both the workers at the polls and also the people who are voting, there's going to be a bit of a learning curve. So it would be a good idea to allow for a little extra time. And that completes my report, thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I just picked one up myself on the counter out in front, at the reception desk there's brochures on the voting machines that gives you step by step what you have to do. There was a few of them left if you want to pick one up on your way out. And Mrs. Brown."

**Councilwoman Rita Brown:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. First of all I want to thank Dane Hammond for expediting the opening of Brock Playground. The weather has been terrific, and through his efforts he had his employees go in, clean it up, pick up broken glass, check the equipment; and as a result, many moms and kids enjoyed being there. And that's what we have the playgrounds for. So thanks again Dane. And tonight I am going to concentrate on the overtime. And this is your right to know. It doesn't mean that we're going to cut overtime. But you have the right to know where all this money is going. 'The overtime report for the first quarter is attached. Police have 377 hours more than last year at this point, and an explanation is attached. An analysis was done on injury time. In 2006 four personnel were on injury leave, as shown on the analysis. This injury time has caused more than 400 hours of overtime. Fire has 430 hours more than last year, and an explanation is attached. They also have had four injuries. This accounts for 576 hours of overtime. Sick time has increased by 144 hours. Thus the additional overtime for both police and fire is due to injuries this year in comparison to last year. Dispatchers have 284 hours less than last year at this point. They had a member out due to a serious illness last year. The service garage has 910 hours less than last year. The simple explanation that it has snowed a great deal less this year than last year. In total, we have had about 349 hours less than last year and have spent about \$8,000 less than last year. Police and fire are each budgeted at 5,000 hours of overtime annually. This is already in our budget, so it's not hitting us as extra expenses. The service garage is funded for 3,000 hours. The average over recent years has been near that amount. The greatest factor that affects the outcome for police and fire is the number of injuries. In a year that has excessive injuries, overtime will exceed the budget. When injuries are few, overtime will be less than budgeted. The Fire Chief submits a report each pay period showing each overtime element and the number of hours, so that it can be reviewed and discussed. Copies are attached. At the start of the year, fire had four personnel on injury leave. Back injury, broken arm, broken foot, and knee surgery. Currently, fire has one out due to back surgery. Police had two personnel with knee injuries suffered on duty during chases, plus one with surgery. Police has used 22% of the budgeted overtime. Fire has used 23% of the budgeted overtime. The service garage has used 14%. At the beginning of the year the Safety Director met with the Chiefs. Fire was to increase the use of part-time personnel. Fire is hiring three paid part-time firefighter/paramedics to help control overtime.' Well there's one step to help in the direction to help overcome this situation. 'Police curtailed traffic details. Overtime is often a matter of choices.' That's enough for the first report; I'll give more detailed reports in the future. But it's comforting to know where it's going. Just saying we paid just so much overtime means nothing, but now we know where, why and how it's going. That completes my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Gallagher."

**Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. In 1998 the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court established a Juvenile Diversion Program using volunteer magistrates. The program is community-based sanction program that diverts first time offenders from official court action. The program empowers communities to tailor treatment and sanctions to fit the needs of the individual child, and the concerns of the community, and offers the child the opportunity to avoid a Juvenile Court record. Back in 1999 I was able to spearhead legislation within our community with the help of former prosecutor Marissa Marinella. The Juvenile Diversion Program has been very positive for our youth who have passed through the system. I would like to give thanks and recognition to one man who has volunteered from day one – Mr. Ronald Balbier, our volunteer magistrate. His time and dedication have made this program a true success. Mayor, I would like to have a proclamation for the next Council meeting to honor Ron Balbier for volunteering as our magistrate, and making a difference in the lives of our children who commit their first crime. Thank you. And Mayor, I have a couple questions. A couple meetings ago we passed legislation to hire a full time IT person, and since then has the city hired one or two consultants? And specifically, why do we need them if we have, since we have Jeff Scott, and how much are we paying them?"

Mayor Patton: "One consultant \$75 an hour, minimum of six hours work for phase one. What they did is they came in and they found out the areas for improvement in the system that we have. Phase two is implementation of security measures which will catch any person hacking our system, including employees who don't belong in certain files."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Okay, then that goes onto my next question. At the March 29, 2006 Public Safety meeting you stated you had a meeting with the FBI about a matter where a fire report was tampered with at the Brooklyn Fire Department, and when we find out who was involved they will be fired. Can you arrange a meeting with the agent so we can have an update of what's going on here in our city?"

Mayor Patton: "The matter's ongoing, I will ask the agent, but I'm not certain that they'll commit."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mayor. Congratulations to Officer Frank Ferrini and Chief Murphy on your award. I've had the opportunity to work with Frank when he was our juvenile coordinator. His resume is quite extensive with many awards and accomplishments. Also, Mr. Hammond, do you have any activities planned for the National Safety Kids Week?"

Mr. Hammond: "Off the top of my head I don't know. I could get back to you tomorrow."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Okay. Alright, I appreciate that. And lastly, I've lived in the City of Brooklyn my entire life, and have chosen to raise my family here because of the love I have for the city. I entered public service solely for the purpose of giving back to my community what the community has given me over the years – a wonderful school system, superior services, and a great recreational program. I also entered public service to assist the senior citizens who have worked hard to provide us with the foundation of a great city. Unfortunately I must bring to your attention this evening an injustice that has been committed concerning the upcoming election. I became aware that a city employee was running against me as Precinct Committee person for the Democratic Party. A Precinct Committee person is an elected volunteer position that assists the Democrats in their precinct, works on Democratic campaigns and represents their area in Democratic Party matters. I have been a Precinct person for 12 years now, and I have represented my party and neighborhood with a lot of hard work and dedication. If for some reason the residents do not want me to represent them, I can graciously accept their wishes. I cannot, however, accept a city employee being pressured to run against me because it suits someone's political agenda. An employee was told to come to City Hall and given the petitions and information needed to file for my Precinct Committee Position on taxpayers' time. This is wrong on many levels. It is wrong because it violates the Ohio Ethics laws, and more importantly it corrupts the political process at its very foundation, your neighborhood. I spoke to this employee because you usually only run for this volunteer position if you are active in your party, which he is not. This person is a good man who ran only because he was forced to; and that's a real shame and a grave injustice. That completes my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Mr. Greg Frey."

**Councilman Greg Frey:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I want to express my thanks to Turk, Dana Turk, on Biddulph Road. She, when I was at the blood bank over across the street, she approached me and she said

that, do you know something about the site where you can go on-line and apply for help with re-doing your baseball fields. And I said no I hadn't, although I've seen the commercial 50 times since then. But anyhow, I asked her to provide me the website and I would get it to the Recreation Department. And I gave that to Mr. Hammond. I don't know that we're eligible for such a program, but it's a program sponsored by Briggs and Stratton, which I think, is that still Modern Tool and Die?"

Councilman J. Frey: "No."

Mayor Patton: "No, that's lawnmower engines."

Councilman G. Frey: "Okay. Well anyhow, they will help communities do their ball fields, re-do their ball fields, and bring them up to standards. And at least we have the information. I don't know if we've applied or can apply, but I want to thank Mrs. Turk for bringing that to my attention. And I think that's all I have tonight. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Mr. Patton."

**Councilman Craig Patton:** "Thanks Mr. Albier. First I'd also like to congratulate our Brooklyn Police Department, Frank Ferrini, under the direction of Chief Murphy, for doing such a great job receiving that award tonight. I think we all know that Ridge and Tiedeman are kind of used as crossroads for people to get to Parma and Cleveland, and all the 480 entrances and exits. To see that we're doing such a great job that our department receives awards such as that shows that we are being safe, and you guys are doing your jobs. So congratulations to Frank, Chief, and the whole Police Department. This was a busy weekend for me. I had two fundraisers that I attended. The first was on Friday, the Brooklyn Athletic Boosters. It was a great time, very well ran. I know they wish they would have had a better turnout. But overall I'd like to thank Mr. Ray Mass and Mr. Bill Sutton, and all the other people that were involved for doing such a great job of setting it up. It was well put on. I think everybody enjoyed themselves. There were great gifts. And I think the Booster Club made some good money that night, so... And then also on Saturday evening there was a fundraiser for Mr. Brian Flanagan, a special police officer for the City of Brooklyn, and a resident, at St. Thomas More, which had an unbelievable turnout. Brian has had cancer for some time now, and he has medical bills that are sky high. I believe the money raised was somewhere over \$15,000 – from I understand the last time they've counted. So I know Brian needs it. He gave a nice speech, without breaking down, I know it was hard for him. But everybody was there to support him. I want to thank all the residents from the City of Brooklyn, and everybody else that came to support him that night. He appreciates it, and the City of Brooklyn appreciates that. Let's see, next. Last Tuesday I had a call from Annie Hostetler, who is the history director at the Brooklyn High School, for me to come and speak to all the high school seniors on behalf of, for the Master Plan, just to give them a more in-depth look at what exactly we're doing. We finished our booklet. And they had some pretty good questions that they had prepared. She's having a program where they're going to do a report, and there will be high school seniors coming around to all the residents' homes throughout the next few weeks asking for surveys, and asking you questions that they feel are important to them. So please be as helpful as you can if you have a high school senior knock on your door. They're doing a report for the high school for senior graduation, so it's important that they get this done. But thanks to all those guys. They had great questions, they were very attentive, and it shows that the seniors and the kids that are getting ready to come out in the real world in the City of Brooklyn are anxious about what we're doing with our Master Plan, they care about our city, and they like to make sure that we're still moving forward. So... Also, to Mr. Jack Walz and Jeff Kazimour for bringing back the Brooklyn Dodgers. This is a program that they ran several years back, that it was too late for me to be in, but my brother was a member. And also, we spoke of tonight, Mr. Frey spoke of, the Hall of Fame induction, and two of the members that are going to be inducted in the Athletic Hall of Fame for the high school, that are now playing professional baseball, were members of the Brooklyn Dodgers. So it's a great program, it's a great league. Travel baseball really feeds our high school program, which right now those guys are doing a great job. To build the programs, as far as athletics, and the City of Brooklyn have really taken its toll over the last few years. And I see that a lot of these, such things as summer baseball, summer basketball, and things of this nature, our high school coaches are getting involved in it, trying to keep kids in the City of Brooklyn, to bring our sports teams back to the areas that they were in, and that was champions of all of our divisions. So it's good to see everybody getting involved again. And last, I would like to wish a happy birthday on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to my daughter McKenna who will be four years old. So that is all Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Patton."

Councilwoman Brown: "Mr. Albier, may I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Brown: "Craig, I think it would be a good idea to advise the high school students to bring their school ID with them, since we have the crime watch, more or less, to be alert. I think it would be a good idea if they identified themselves when they came to ask questions."

Councilman Patton: "Okay, I'll pass that on. But as a matter of fact, I told them all to come to your house. No, I will pass that on to Mrs. Hostetler, I'm sure that'll be no problem."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay, very good, I think that would be a good idea."

President Albier: "That completes the reports of Council, we'll now have the Mayor's report."

**Mayor Ken Patton:** "National Day of Prayer will again be celebrated in the City of Brooklyn on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, right back here in the Grande pavilion in the park. It's a day that was set aside as actually a national holiday by President Reagan. The first Thursday in May is set aside as National Day of Prayer. At this time I would like to name Robin Lawrence to the Domestic Abuse Committee, replacing the spot of Judy Basniak, who's been named to the committee as a School Board representative. And Robin's right there in the back."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to approve Robin Lawrence for the Domestic Abuse Committee."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve Robin Lawrence for the Domestic Abuse Committee, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Mayor Patton: "It's a coincidence that Parma Hospital was mentioned tonight. I will indeed see if they can come to our meeting. I went there for their annual meeting today. And Pat Ruffin was going through a few of the new things at the hospital. They just got done spending \$1.5 million for a new catheterization machine. And on the same tune, we were paying \$856,000 for a new ladder truck. So things like that cost a lot of money. Tomorrow I will be meeting with the former Brooklyn resident who's actually running for the Governor. His name is Jim Petro, and he is now the Attorney General for the State of Ohio. And he and I are going to sit and find out what we can do to help with the criminal wave that we're getting in the City of Brooklyn. To Mr. Jack Walz, thank you, I know you have left, and Mr. Jeff Kazimour, again assembling the Brooklyn Dodgers. Rob Kelber, our cameraman back there, can remember all the fun we had when his Dad ran the Brooklyn Dodgers. But we do have a treat with you. I sat down with our Service Director and our new Recreation assistant managers, and the two fields behind the Rec Center will have new dugouts this year, new paving, and a flagpole. So it's going to be a nice upgrade. We have a letter here from Eleanor Davis thanking the City of Brooklyn Council, Police Department, Fire Department and Mayor for the proclamation. And she just said she could not say anything because she was crying too hard. So again, good luck in your retirement, and stay in touch with us Mrs. Davis. At this time I would like to reappoint John Bundy to the position of representing Brooklyn on the Parma Community Hospital Association Board. It's a three-year term. And our other representative is Ruth Leahy."

President Albier: "Motion to appoint Mr. Bundy to the Parma Hospital Board."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the appointment of John Bundy to the Parma Hospital Board, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Mayor Patton: "Thank you. John does a good job with that. At our last Home Days the Laurel Garden Club had a flower show and used half of the Senior Center for it. Well they actually won second place in last year's, for last year's show, from the National Garden Club-Ohio District. So congratulations to the Laurel Garden Club. I know they have a bigger and better schedule this year. Brooklyn has been named Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year Brooklyn has received this national recognition. The City of Brooklyn will celebrate Arbor Day this coming Friday at 9:30/10:00 in the morning when the third graders all come up and we give them seedlings and we plant a tree with their teachers. Today, this is from Kay Hutkay, our Senior Services Coordinator. 'Dear Mayor Patton. Today our new 2006 Star Tran bus was delivered. The new vehicle is a nine passenger, ADA compliant bus, capable of carrying two wheelchairs at a time. This vehicle was purchased with funds from the Frieda Groeger Trust Fund, John Coyne and Frank Scarano, trustees. The cost for this vehicle is \$33,697. A sincere thank you to the Frieda Groeger Trust Fund.' A couple notes for the Senior Center. A reminder that Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day, and there will be no bingo, no soup and sandwich. Computer classes are open. The City of Brooklyn will be holding computer classes for the seniors at Brooklyn High School. Registration and payment for these classes must be made at the Brooklyn Senior Center. A limit of 10 students per class. Classes start at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the class starts, it will be Basic Computer classes, the cost is \$20. Internet E-Mail, Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and again Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$40. Word Processing, Tuesday and Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and then again on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>, and then June 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost for that class of Word Processing is \$40. Weight Watchers meetings are Monday evenings and held at the Brooklyn Senior Center. The time of the meeting starts at 5:30, registration and weighing in begins a half hour prior to the start of the meeting. Please use the west entrance patio doors. Doors will open at 5:00. Lutheran Hospital provides blood pressure readings every Tuesday from 1-2:30; in addition to paramedics of the City of Brooklyn Fire Department will be at the Senior Center for blood pressure readings on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, that being May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>. And that's from 10-11. Condolences to many of the families who lost a loved one this month, especially the Mass family. Also Frank Kaschalk, very active in the bocce ball and over at our Senior Center. The Prince family, the Story family, the Wright family, the Lehman family, and the Bellflower family. And that is my report, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mayor. Next we'll have the directors' reports, and the first is the Finance Director, Mr. Fisk."

Director Fisk: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Work is already started on the 2007 Tax Budget, and I will submit the Tax Budget to Council on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There'll be a public hearing on June 12<sup>th</sup>, and I look for approval of the Tax Budget on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The 2007 Tax Budget must be submitted to the County Budget Commission by July 20<sup>th</sup>. And that's my only item for tonight."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Fisk."

Councilman J. Frey: "Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Yes Mr. Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "May I speak for a minute. You say the budget will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. Are we not going to be at the granddaughter's wedding at Atlanta on June 26<sup>th</sup>?"

Councilman G. Frey: "Well I'm the uncle and godfather, so yes, I will be there. You're the grandfather, I assume you will be."

Councilman J. Frey: "Well I'm the grandfather, and I don't think I'll be here for that meeting, unless you bring it up a week or so. Just thought you ought to know, because you want that passed. Although four of you can pass it."

President Albier: "We'll work it out John."

Councilman Patton: "Mr. Albier..."

President Albier: "Yes Mr. Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Very good."

Councilman Patton: "Mr. Fisk, that's my seventh wedding anniversary too, so I'll bring my wife."

Clerk Fisk: "Very good."

Councilman Patton: "Is that okay?"

Councilman J. Frey: "Absolutely."

President Albier: "Moving on... Next is the Service Director, Mr. Kappler."

Director Kappler: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, our Senior grass program will start. I am asking all seniors to please, if your lawn needs to be cut this week, please have it cut. It was on your applications that you are to maintain your grass before our grass cutting program starts, and after. So please, cut it this week, give our guys a chance to keep up with the grasses this summer. The next thing I'd like to report on is, at our next meeting I will be asking authorization to seek RFPs in regards to natural gas and oil drilling in Memorial Park and also our landfill. And the last thing is, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be having a public auction. At the next meeting I will have a list, but there is approximately 12 vehicles, 40 bicycles, miscellaneous traffic signals, and some several other items that will be on that list for auction. And that completes my report."

President Albier: "Mr. Kappler, have you been approached for that for drilling?"

Director Kappler: "Yes we have. I have talked it over with the Law Director, and we are possibly going to be seeking proposals from six different companies."

President Albier: "Okay, thank you. Next is the Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mr. Albier. I'd like to warn all residents to beware of unsolicited low interest loan offers and contractors attempting to pressure you into construction agreements. Before signing any construction or loan agreements, please contact the Better Business Bureau at 216-241-7678 or the Brooklyn Building Department at 216-635-4202 to check the contractor's record. And shop around for contractors and financing before signing any agreements. That concludes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. Next is the Police Department, Chief Murphy."

Chief Murphy: "Yes Mr. Albier. Despite what may appear to be negative over the last couple of weeks, the public should know that the Police Department is the most capable it's ever been. And crimes are going to occur no matter what we do because of today's society. That is why you have a Police Department to keep order. If people have a problem, the emergency number is 9-1-1. Other police business is 749-1234. Thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Murphy. Next is the Fire Department, Chief Duchoslav."

Chief Duchoslav: "Good evening everyone. I have one item. The Brooklyn Volunteer Corps. will meet Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Senior Center. The topic will be fire extinguishers. What that will involve is a brief classroom session, and then an actual outdoor in the parking lot live burn of combustible liquid, and all the participants will be able to extinguish a live fire as part of the training. And that's my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Chief. The Law Department, Mr. Shaper."

Director Shaper: "Council, I've given you a draft of the regulation of teen dancing, and a draft of the peddler and solicitors ordinance. Please review it and call me up with any questions you have. There's not a rush to pass this, but let's get it moving at this point. The weather has been absolutely gorgeous, I'm sure that's not news to anybody. Drive a few miles less per hour than you think you need to, the kids are out, the sun's out, the glare is out. Let's keep things safe. I am available June 26<sup>th</sup> if you want to invite me to the wedding or if you want to pass the Budget."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Shaper. Next is the Recreation Department, Mr. Hammond."

Mr. Hammond: "I'm in pretty much good shape. Craig gave the Rec Board report, the Mayor talked about the dugouts, Jack Walz, and the little kids and beat me to the punch, so..."

President Albier: "They took all your material."

Mr. Hammond: "Except I've got homework now from Mrs. Pucci and Mrs. Gallagher..."

President Albier: "Next is the Safety Department, Mr. Hilberg."

Director Hilberg: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Well I think the two newest guys up here had all the material stolen, I had two items to talk about tonight. First one, I met with Mary Lee Bowen. I took my cards down there. She asked me what's the best way to get questions answered, and I says, e-mail. She's got my e-mail address, you can call, I will return all the calls. But I'm not in the office all the time. I'm out on the road, I'm meeting with the Police Chief, I'm meeting with the Fire Chief. So I think the best thing is e-mail. I have a hard copy then of the question, and we can disseminate it to who it goes to, and we'll get an answer. The other thing is the speed bumps. The speed bumps are ordered, but we're not doing anything until the street gets repaired over there. Once the street is repaired, then Mr. Kappler will have the crew go in and do some minor patching up through the service court, and the speed bumps will go in. And that concludes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Hilberg. Mr. Hilberg, are you referring to the speed bumps on the alley way adjacent to Roadway?"

Director Hilberg: "Service court."

President Albier: "Service court."

Councilman Patton: "Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Yes Mr. Patton."

Councilman Patton: "Chief Duchoslav, about your Volunteer Corp., are you going to do a live burn as far as the fire extinguishers and training of that nature?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes."

Councilman Patton: "Have you contacted Gene Ptacek and Sons on Associate?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes, yes."

Councilman Patton: "Okay, I was going to make sure..."

Chief Duchoslav: "Actually he's going to do the training and the refilling of the extinguishers. He is going to provide the extinguishers."

Councilman Patton: "Okay."

Chief Duchoslav: "We'll stand by. He brings the pit, he does it for different companies and new industries around. And he has agreed to do it again this year."

Councilman Patton: "Yeah, I was just wondering, because I know he's been in this city for a long time."

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes."

Councilman Patton: "He loves donating and helping out with the Fire Department, so..."

Chief Duchoslav: "Gene Ptacek, Sr. retired and it's Jr now."

Councilman Patton: "Right. That's all I have, thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "That completes the directors' reports, we now have a couple of monthly reports. Just one. Brooklyn Mayor's Court took in a total of \$52,366.18. Total monies paid out \$10,391. At this point of the meeting, if anyone in the audience has anything they wish to say on the agenda of the next three ordinances, come forward now and speak. If not, we'll move on. The first ordinance is **ORDINANCE 2005-55**. An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1360 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio entitled 'Chapter 1360 Property Maintenance and Rental Licensing Code'. And as Mrs. Pucci has stated, we had the first reading on December 27<sup>th</sup>, we had the second reading on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and it was tabled on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. And under our Council rules, if that happens and there's changes made, we have to go back to the second reading. So tonight I need a first motion to take it off of the table, and then we'll have a second motion to put it back on a second reading, and it'll have its third reading at the next Council meeting. So I need a motion to take from the table."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to take from the table."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To remove Ordinance 2005-55 from the table and place it on the agenda, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."	Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."
"Kathy Pucci."	Councilman Albier: "Yea."
"Rita Brown."	Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."
"Colleen Gallagher."	Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
"Greg Frey."	Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
"Craig Patton."	Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
	Councilman Patton: "Yea."

President Albier: "I need a motion to put it on second reading."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Albier, may I be recognized first?"

President Albier: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "In Section 1360.16 (e) we're going to change where it references 1360.16 (a). It should read 1360.19 (a)."



President Albier: "Okay, motion to put on second reading as amended."

Councilman Patton: "Motion to put on second reading."

President Albier: "As amended."

Councilman Patton: "As amended."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To place Ordinance 2005-55 on second reading, as amended, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-31**, An Ordinance providing for the registration fee for the summer youth basketball program being offered within the Department of Recreation."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Ordinance 2006-31, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-32**, Accepting the Brooklyn Master Plan, providing for the periodic review thereof, and providing for the integration and physical development of the city therewith."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Albier, may I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "I move we amend Section 2 by inserting at the end of it, 'In addition, the Master Plan Advisory Committee will conduct a public meeting annually.'"

Councilwoman Brown: "Kathy, can I suggest you change 'will conduct' to 'shall conduct'?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "That's fine. Shall conduct. And we need a second to that motion."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To amend Ordinance 2006-32, as noted, John Frey." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
"Rich Albier." Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
"Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
"Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
"Greg Frey." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."  
"Craig Patton." Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules, as amended."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Ordinance 2006-32, as amended, John Frey."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
"Rich Albier." Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
"Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
"Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
"Greg Frey." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."  
"Craig Patton." Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve, John Frey."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
"Rich Albier." Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
"Kathy Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
"Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
"Greg Frey." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."  
"Craig Patton." Councilman Patton: "Yea."

President Albier: "Does anyone have anything else they wish to bring before Council? Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "I'd like to be recognized please. I too would like to express my gratitude to the Frieda Groeger Trust for purchasing the senior van. I'm very glad that this all worked out. And I'm sure we're all grateful that they paid for it."

President Albier: "Thank you. That completes our regular Council meeting, but I believe a Councilman..."

Councilwoman Brown: "Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Brown: "I had in my packet this flyer BB, Better Business Bureau warns of the return of questionable home repair funding offers. It was in my packet. Is it on the desk or going out to the residents or what?"

Mayor Patton: "That's what Mr. Ockington commented on."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "That's what Tom just read."

Councilwoman Brown: "It's what?"

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Tom just..."

Comm. Ockington: "It was not in your packet, it was just placed in your mailbox, so you knew about it. They were posted in all the public buildings and given to all of Councilmembers."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay. There's another scam going out, it was mentioned by a columnist in the Plain Dealer, and I happened to receive one of these. 'We have been trying to notify you, it's your last chance, you have won some money, it'll only cost you 19.95 and handling to take care of this matter.' Baloney. I don't know how many people are getting it, but I received one. Just thought I'd call your attention to it."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown."

Councilman J. Frey: "I move we adjourn."

President Albier: "I think we're going to have a motion for executive session."

Councilman J. Frey: "Do we have one?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "I move we go into executive session with the Mayor and the Law Director for the purpose of discussing possible litigation in connection with the Petro property."

Director Shaper: "May I ask that you include the Finance Director?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Pardon?"

Director Shaper: "May I ask that you..."

President Albier: "Finance Director."

Director Shaper: "...ask the Finance Director?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Oh, including Mr. Fisk."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To move to executive session to discuss possible litigation, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

**COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION THEN RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION.**

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to reconvene."

Councilman J. Frey: "Second."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To reconvene, John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

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Councilman J. Frey: "I move to adjourn."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adjourn, John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."  
"Craig Patton."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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MAYOR